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09/537,291

Examiner

Emmanuel L. Moise

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Amendment received on March 8, 2004.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 11, 12 and 22-39.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 29 March 2000 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
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1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
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4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
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6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

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Reasons for allowance

1. Claims 11-12 and 22-39 are allowable over the prior art of record.
2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

As per claims 11-12 and 22-39, prior art of record does not teach or fairly suggest an information processing apparatus or method for demultiplexing object streams that includes discrimination means or a discrimination step for discriminating an intellectual property management type of information data included in an object stream, on the basis of management information included in a management stream, and effecting reproduction control of the object stream in accordance with a discrimination result, to control whether the reproduction control is performed before or after decoding the object stream. By virtue of this feature, the information processing apparatus or method can reliably control playback of information data to protect the intellectual property right involved when the intellectual property information has undergone an encryption process or the intellectual property information is embedded in the information data as a digital watermark to protect the intellectual property right.

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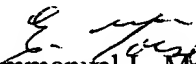
Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Emmanuel L. Moise whose telephone number is (703)305-9763. The examiner can normally be reached on M-W (9:30-6:00).

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ayaz R. Sheikh can be reached on (703)305-9648. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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